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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 22, 2005 (Paper No. 031105), for which a response was due on June 22, 2005. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a 1 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 22, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.